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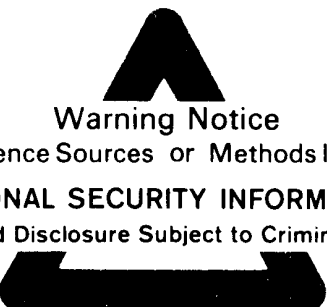


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FOURTH KASP-B
KASPIYSK SPECIAL RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT FACILITY, USSR (SWN)

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1. SIGNIFICANCE: THE FOURTH KASP-B WING-IN-GROUND (WIG) EFFECT VEHICLE HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED AT KASPIYSK. (SWN)
2. REMARKS: THE FOURTH KASP-B WIG WAS ON A BEACH AT 42-48-05N 047-43-02E, 4 NM SOUTH OF KASPIYSK SPECIAL RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT FACILITY [REDACTED] TWO ADDITIONAL KASP-B WIG WERE AT THE KASPIYSK FACILITY ON THE SAME DATE. SINCE ONE KASP-B WAS DESTROYED IN 1974, THE SIMULTANEOUS SIGHTING OF THREE KASP-B WIG VEHICLES CONFIRMS THE CONSTRUCTION OF AT LEAST FOUR UNITS. (SWN)

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THE FIRST INDICATION THAT A FOURTH UNIT HAD BEEN BUILT WAS THE SIGHTING [REDACTED] OF A KASP-B UNDER TOW ON THE INLAND WATERWAY, ABOUT 18 KM SOUTH OF ASTRAKHAN PORT FACILITY VOLGA RIVER NORTH [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] THIS UNIT WAS PROBABLY BEING TRANSFERRED FROM ITS CONSTRUCTION SITE AT TAGANROG AIRFRAME PLANT DIMITROV 86 [REDACTED] AND/OR GORKIY SHIPYARD 112 [REDACTED] TO THE KASPIYSK AREA. THE TAGANROG AND GORKIY FACILITIES HAVE BOTH BEEN ASSOCIATED WITH KASP-B CONSTRUCTION. (SWN)

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THE KASP-B IS [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] IT IS CAPABLE OF CARRYING APPROXIMATELY 100 PERSONNEL WHEN CONFIGURED AS A TRANSPORT. WIG VEHICLES ARE DESIGNED TO FLY CLOSE TO THE SURFACE OF THE WATER (WITHIN ONE WING CHORD OF THE SURFACE), USING A CUSHION OF AIR TO GIVE THEM BETTER FUEL ECONOMY AND/OR LONGER CRUISING RANGE. MILITARY USES FOR WIG VEHICLES COULD BE IN THE AREA OF ANTISUBMARINE PATROL OR AMPHIBIOUS ASSAULT TRANSPORT. (SWN)

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3. [REDACTED] COORDINATES 42-52-55N 047-39-22E (S)

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